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CARTER'S IDEALISM

SUMMARY: ADDRESSING HIS ANNUAL DINNER FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, PRESIDENT GISCARD MADE A BRIEF SPEECH IN WHICH HE IMPLICITLY WELCOMED PRESIDENT CARTER'S IDEALISM AND CLAIMED A SHARE IN IT FOR FRANCE. HE ASKED ME TO PASS HIS COMMENTS ON TO THE PRESIDENT AS REFLECTING HIS DELIBERATE AND SINCERE VIEWS.

1. PRESIDENT GISCARD AT HIS TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TOOK THE OCCASION TO DELIVER A SHORT SPEECH ON THE IDEALISM WHICH UNDERLIES FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY. REPEATING A THEME HE HAD MENTIONED ALSO TO SENATOR PERCY THE PREVIOUS WEEK, GISCARD MAINTAINED THAT IDEALISM IS A PART OF THE GENIUS OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE AND IMPLICITLY CLAIMED A PARTICIPATORY ROLE FOR FRANCE IN PURSUIT OF THE IDEALS WHICH MOTIVATE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. HE ASKED ME TO PASS ON THIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER.
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2. AN EXTRACT FROM HIS REMARKS FOLLOWS IN TRANSLATION:
BEGIN QTE: LIKE EVERY COUNTRY, FRANCE HAS ITS INTERESTS FOR WHICH SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE AS THEY ARE FOR SEEING THAT THESE IDEALS ARE PROPERLY VALUED AND, IF NECESSARY, DEFENDED. WE ARE DOING SO. BUT FOR ME THIS

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IS NOT THE ONLY DIMENSION OF OUR DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. I AM CONVINCED THAT A FOREIGN POLICY DOES NOT MERIT THE NAME UNLESS IT TRANSLATES THE DEEPER ASPIRATIONS OF A PEOPLE AND ILLUSTRATES THE VALUES TO WHICH THEY ARE ATTACHED.

THIS CONVICTION CONFORMS TO THE TRADITIONS OF FRANCE NO MATTER HOW FAR ONE GOES BACK INTO HER PAST; IT CONFORMS TO THE INSTINCT OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE, WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MORE AWARE OF THE FORCE OF IDEAS THAN OF THE WEIGHT OF POWER; AND IT CONFORMS TO THE ATTITUDE OF THE WORLD WHICH WOULD NO LONGER RESPECT A FRANCE IF IT CEASED TO SEE IT AS THE INCARNATION AND ALSO THE ACTIVE EXPRESSION OF AN IDEA.

THIS IS WHY BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST WORDS THAT I ADDRESSED TO YOU ON THE DAY AFTER MY ELECTION, I HAVE INDICATED TO YOU MY INTENTION TO AFFIRM AND ACCENTUATE THE LIBERAL VOCATION OF FRANCE. LIBERTY IS AT THE HEART OF OUR HISTORY AND OF OUR INSTITUTIONS; ITS BREATH HAS ANIMATED OUR GREAT REVOLUTION; ITS SYMBOL IS

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CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON THE DAY OF OUR NATIONAL CELEBRATION. MY HIGHEST MISSION AND

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MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ARE TO TAKE CARE THAT THE POLICY OF FRANCE CONDUCTS ITSELF IN A MANNER TO SHOW THIS ABROAD. I WILL DO SO EACH TIME THAT CIRCUMSTANCES CALL FOR A LIBERAL DEED BY FRANCE.

THIS IS ALSO WHY I WELCOME EVERY INITIATIVE TAKEN TO ACCENTUATE THE MORAL AND HUMAN OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
END QTE.

3. COMMENT: IN SPEAKING TO SENATOR PERCY AND HIS PARTY LAST WEEK, PRESIDENT GISCARD STATED THAT HE ADMIRES PRESIDENT CARTER BOTH FOR HIS HIGH IDEALS AND FOR HIS RESOLUTION. HE STRESSED THAT IDEALISM WHICH INSPIRES ACTION IS A PARTICULARLY FRENCH TRAIT AND METHOD OF OPERATION, AND HIS SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLED CHIEFS OF MISSION DEVELOPED THE SAME THEME. IN ASKING ME TO CONVEY HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, PRESIDENT GISCARD IS OBVIOUSLY SEEKING TO SOLIDIFY THE WARM RELATIONSHIP THAT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE TWO
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PRESIDENTS AT THE LONDON SUMMIT. HE MAY ALSO BE INSPIRED IN PART BY THE IMMINENCE OF A VISIT FROM GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV WHICH IS TO BEGIN ON JUNE 21 AND WHICH MAY LEAD TO A DUSTING OFF OF THE CURRENTLY SOMEWHAT MORIBUND "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE USSR.
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